

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 2015-02 1st Hj 3yo.avi

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1800603.013

Medium: Video File

Director: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

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| Classification: | Objectionable. |
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 21 February 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 21 February 2019

| | Components | Running time |
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| Timed component(s): | 2015-02 1st Hj 3yo.avi | 1:08 |
| Total running time: | | 1:08 |

Summary of reasons for decision:

The video file depicts the sexual abuse of a very young child by an adult. It is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes under s 3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The video is intended for the arousal of adults with a sexual interest in children, and normalises and legitimises children as appropriate subjects for adult sexual attention. The video is also likely to be used to groom other young children, increasing the likelihood of exploitation. The objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as affirmed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, however it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support s3(2) criteria be

deemed objectionable. The classification also reflects the concern of New Zealand society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.